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PATENT

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For: METHODS OF STERILIZING BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraphs as follows:

Specification Paragraphs With Mark-ups to Show Changes Made

The following are mark-ups to show changes made to paragraph 21 starting at page 6, and ending at page 6:

[21] Another embodiment of the present invention is directed to a method for